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A Message from the Editor

Well my hope had been that we had finally gotten the Record to the size and shape that would be around for a while. But, here we go again! The post office has altered one more piece of the bulk rate mailing information and we are now keeping the width but shortening the length of the booklet. This is done to economize on the cost of mailing.

We did get many comments (all favorable) on the new look and we hope that this minor change will not cause you any problems.

As the editor of the record, I also do a lot of the other printing and the office called me to let me know that I goofed! The dues bills that went out at the beginning of October were not proof read well enough. Yes it really is the bill for renewal for 1997 and should read dues in effect January - December, **1997**. Please send in your dues so that we can eliminate an additional mailing to everyone. The office will credit all dues for the 1997 year.

Also remember, this is your newsletter so send in your news. If it is easier to send it by fax or e-mail here is the information:

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Please type all materials or if it is easier you can send it on a computer disk using either MS Word or Word Perfect. I will return all disks so that you can use them for the next issue of news.

Thank you for all of your help.

Linda

Linda Lass-Schuhmacher

Annual Reports

Presidents Report

Six out of nine Board of Directors meetings reached quorum this year allowing us to conduct business for the Alumnae Association. We continued to work on the goals set forth from our previous year. Some of these goals and accomplishments include:

- a current membership of over 1200 members which is the highest number that we have seen in years.
- a computerized record keeping data base for use in coordinating office business and membership statistics
- consolidating and transfering some of our financial accounts in order to provide the Association with better interest rates
- modifying our loans and scholarships criteria that now allow alumnae to receive both a scholarship and a low interest loan simultaneously
- continuing to support and develop ties with the MGH Institute of Health Professions' Graduate Program in Nursing
- identifying a steering committee for the 125th anniversary celebration of the School of Nursing that will occur in 1998

Two letters of resignation came from Board Members this year. Annabel Edwards, President Elect and Mary Fisher, Vice President informed the Board that they would not be able to adequately fullfill their commitments to these positions. With the Board's approval, Linda Lass-Schuhmacher agreed to accept the President's position for the next two years.

On March 15, 1996, the second year class of the MGH IHP held their generalist completion ceremony in the Blake Auditorium at the MGH. The Alumnae Association provided a long stem yellow rose to the 44 students who had reached this milestone in their graduate nursing studies. The Ruth Sleeper Scholarship was presented to Caryn Coyle and the Adele Corkum Award was given to Richard Ahern during this memorable event.

On May 10, 1996 the MGH IHP graduated 71 nurses with the Masters of Science in Nursing degree. The graduation ceremony took place at Suffolk University. Each graduate was given a complimentary one year membership in our Alumnae Association.

Over the last two years, we have been working on clarifying and finalizing a new scholarship that was willed to the MGH Nurses' Alumnae Association by Mary

Hortense Staats, an MGH grad. She left her estate to our organization so that we could develop the "Lloyd Nichols Staats Scholarship." Hopefully, this new educational scholarship will be available to us in the coming year.

The reports to follow will summarize the additional accomplishments of the year. Prior to them, I would like to take a brief moment to personally thank the elected 1995 - 1996 Officers: Annabel Edwards - President Elect; Mariann Vetere - Treasurer; The Board of Directors: Mary Caira, Catherine Tronni, Barbara Dunderdale and Janice Carey; as well as the Chairpersons of the Standing Committees, who you will hear from shortly, for their time, support and dedication. Lastly, a special thanks goes again this year to Lee Drago, Alumnae Secretary and Mim Huggard who continue to work countless hours keeping this association running smoothly.

In closing, I have really enjoyed my two years as President of this nursing association. We must seriously take a look at where we are going in these upcoming years. Our organization is in great need of having its graduates become more actively involved with its operation. We have so many wonderful resources and can touch the lives of so many people. My life has been deeply touched by my involvment with the MGH Nurses' Alumnae Association. I thank you all for your support in electing me, And IHP graduate, as president. I encourage all of you to try to find some extra time in your very busy and chaotic lives to invest your active support into this fantastic and historical nursing organization. I am so proud to be an MGH grad and to be associated with all of you.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Ryder (1987)

Treasurer's Report

For the fiscal year ending December 31, 1995, the MGH Nurses' Alumnae Association earned a total of $114,041 from dues, the annual fund drive, interest from bank accounts, miscellaneous donations to the general fund, and realized gains on investments.

For that same period ending December 31, 1995, expenses from the general operations of the association were $42,768. Therefore the association had a cash increase of $71,273. For comparative purposes, fiscal 1994 had a deficit of $2,375.

The cash increase of $71,273 for fiscal 1995 was due from:

1. Gain on investments over fiscal 1994 of $25,574
2. Reduction in operating expenses of $21,845
3. Increased dues collections of $24,045

Although fiscal 1995 was a very favorable year for cash flow, proceeds from the annual fund drive was down $6,350.

There were three scholarships issued from the MGH Nurses' Fund for a total of $7,500, two Awards issued, and $26,500 in loans granted.

Respectfully submitted,
Mariann Vetere

Secretary's Annual Report

This year we are pleased to report an increase in our active membership, which is due to the great response we received in our membership drive.

Over 1200 members are on our roster, in addition to 75 complimentary members. We offer our sincere sympathy to the friends and relatives of the 25 deceased members.

As of this date, our fund drive has received donations of $14,646.

Our volunteer, Miriam Huggard is deserving of the greatest praise for her dedication and innumerable hours spent in service to the Alumnae

Respectfully submitted,
Eligia (Lee) Drago

Hospitality/Service

We continue to keep in touch with the ill when the office is notified and send small remembrances at Christmas to about 20 members who are shut ins as well as cards to over 600 of the members from the older classes. Please keep us informed about members who we should contact.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Thayer Miriam Huggard

Alumnae Record

Two editions of the Record were printed and distributed. The format is in a change mode but should be soon at a state that it will remain constant. All of the shifts due to the changes in the rules governing bulk mailing.

Remember this is your magazine and it is important that you send in your news. Any suggestions and ideas are welcome and will be explored.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Lass-Schuhmacher

Nominating

The nominating committee had difficulty this year in finding members who were willing to give their time to serve the Association.

The slate that was presented included:

President Elect	Mary Norato Indeglia (1973/1996)
Secretary	Marlene Norton (1961)
Board of Directors	Mary Flannery Caira (1959)
	Beth Mooney Blackington (1980)
Nominating	Annabel Edwards (1986)
	Elizabeth Ryder (1987)

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Thayer *Linda Lass-Schuhmacher*

Bertella Tomkins Fund

The fund distributed a total of $1,500 to two graduates for assistance with their medical bills.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Caira

Annabella McCrae Loan Fund

This year the Loan Fund awarded three loans for a total of $15,000.

We offer student loans to Alumnae continuing their nursing or related education at a current interest rate of 2% and we encourage alumnae members to apply.

Applications and more information can be obtained from the alumnae Office and Miss Lee Drage.

Respectfully submitted
Ann Fogarty

Sally Johnson & Fullerton Scholarship Funds

The Sally Johnson Scholarship Fund was not used and is being allowed to grow through accrued interest. It is currently at $8,647.

The scholarships were awarded from the Felicia Kulig Fullerton Fund to the following nurses:
Marion Johnson Bemis '66 for BSN
Mary Burke Atkins '67 for post masters FNP
Eileen Sullivan Federico '79 for MBA
Barbara Texeira Goral '67 for post masters FNP
Elaine Curley Hazelton '80 for MSN
Virginia Gaven Parry '68 for PhD in Nursing
Sarah Rockwell '74 for MSN
Sandra Silvestri '76 for MSN

The committee congratulates them and wishes them well as they further their education. The total scholarship money awarded was $16,000.

Anyone interested in applying for either a part or full time scholarship may obtain the application from the Alumnae Office and submit it before May 1, 1997.

Respectfully submitted,
Marlene Norton, Chair
Lucy Tannenbaum-Nisotel
Carloyn Wortman

Program Committee

Both a Homecoming and Continuing Education program were offered this past year in September. Both were well attended and were well received.

Respectfully submitted,
Helena McDonough

IHP Representative/Historian/Endowment Fund

We are maintaining a close relationship with the IHP nursing program. One of the major focus areas is to try to convert the current Nursing Endowment Fund into an Endowed Chair in the Nursing Program. Unfortunately the amount of moneys needed for an endowed chair is more than the current fund balance. We are discussing the possibility of a fund drive to increase the fund balance and create the MGH Nurses' Alumnae Association Endowed Chair. The additional amount needed is $600,000. If you have any ideas of suggestions please let the office know.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Lass-Schuhmacher

125th Committee

The time line is drawn and we are working toward a major celebration in September of 1998.

We have secured the services of Karen Wolf to research and write The Next 25 Years: A Written History and she has already started to work on the project. Thanks to all who have sent in information. Karen may be contacting grads to get more information and your help in this project is most appreciated.

We spent much time seeking out hotels for the celebration and having looked in both Boston and Cambridge we have selected the hotel that has given us the best price and room space. The 125th will remain at the Howard Johnson '57 in Boston. This is the same location that we have had Homecoming for the past few years. Remember the dates will be September 25 - 27, 1998. You definately do not want to miss this one!

The Signature Quilt is started. If you did not attend Homecoming and did not fill in a signature form for the quilt one is included in this edition of the Record. Please fill it in and mail it to Lois and Doris so that they can have all of the signatures by the end of

December. This way they can plan the final format for the quilt and will have enough time to do the work before the 125th.

Anyone who is willing to serve on a committee please contact the office.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Caira *Linda Lass-Schuhmacher*

Homecoming 1996

Homecoming this year was extremely well attended. From the size of some of the reunion years it is a wonder anyone could hear. The fifty year class had forty seven in attendence due to the hard work of Rita Sidman. In looking back we think this was the biggest 50 year class to attend. The oldest alumnae in attendence was Christine Moore Binnall from the class of '29 with the two youngest classes being the 10 year anniversary class of '86 represented by Annabel Edwards and the class of '87 represented by Elizabeth Ryder. Next year we have to work on the 10 year reunion group to get the size a bit bigger!

Alumnae from Hawaii, California, Washington and all points east joined in this years events. On Friday afternoon a CEU program was held at the IHP on Merrimac Street. The program was excellent and those in attendance also got a chance to tour the IHP and the Ruth Sleeper Learning Center.

Saturday all of the reunion years and years that were not celebrating a special reunion joined in the program and luncheon. Maureen Groer the President of the IHP shared a few comments at the luncheon and the new director of the Nursing Proram at the IHP, Arlene Lowenstein was the program speaker in the morning. Other invited guests included Helen Sherwin and Penny Peoples of the IHP.

The Association remembered the reunion year classes with either flowers or gifts. Many thanks to the classes that made class gifts to the Association at Homecoming. These included: the 60 year class of '36, the 50 year class of '46, the 40 year class of '56, the 30 year class of '66, the 25 year class of '71, and the 10 year class of '86.

The photos included in this issue were taken by Fayfoto. If you want a copy and did not place your order at Homecoming you can order directly from Fayfoto. They are at 45 Electric Ave, Boston, MA 02135. Give them the class year and the number that appears under the photo. The cost is $15.00 per photo ordered.

Pearls from the Past

Dottie Mahoney sent us a copy of the 1973 edition of "The Checkmate Centennial Spectacular". The Checkmate had been the Draw Sheet before it's name was changed. In the edition she sent there was an article that she wrote: **Dorm Life: Then and Now** which is below.

It's difficult to recall things that happened 20 years ago (wow -- has it really been that long?) Only the very good and the very bad experiences remain really clear. Living in the dorm as an "MGH student" doesn't really fall into either of these categories. Wait -- maybe it does. Twenty years ago I probably thought it came closer to being a bad experience but in retrospect it comes closer and closer to being a good one.

Only one of the "old" dorms is still in use and even that has changed. As Freshmen we lived at 90-92 Charles which was a delightful home-like facility with a few rooms, mostly doubles, on each of five floors. A fire door in the closet of one room on the fourth floor provided access between building 90 and 92. Although we were not supposed to "open the fire door" the traffic congestion in that closet was terrific.

Since classes entered twice a year this dorm adequately housed most of the students for the first six months. The over-flow went to Thayer which, until its recent demise, stood beside the Baker Memorial. All students who survived "Probie period" also went to Thayer. Finally the "hard core" survivors spent the rest of their student days at Walcott.

In all three dorms we enjoyed the use of an iron cot, a dresser, chair, and a desk elegantly decorated with a goose neck lamp. The only other electrical appliance ever found in a room was a radio. Of course we supplied our own.

If my memory serves me correctly, there was a small kitchen in the basement of each dorm with minimal storage and cooking facilities which we rarely used. Those of us who lived locally kept everyone supplied with home cooked goodies. The community bathroom facilities reduced any feeling of loneliness one might have. You could always find someone there enjoying the luxury of hot running water which many of us had not had at home.

Students changed rooms more frequently than now because everyone moved to McLean and Boston Lying-In for Psych and OBS affiliations. This took up six months of the second year and you never came back to the same room.

Our "Privileges" were far more restrictive. I can't recall them exactly but I think we had a 10 PM curfew with four lates or overnights a month in the first year, six or eight in the second year and twelve by the senior year. Living out was never considered a possiblility; slacks, shorts and dungarees could not be worn on the first floor of the dorms or elsewhere on the hospital premises; and it never would have crossed our minds to suggest having men visitors in our rooms! These rules might seem quite rigid by today's standards but in those days we were the envy of other nursing students because of our liberal policies. We had much more opportunity to know students from other schools since we lived together on affiliations, and several schools affiliated at the General as well. Several faculty members and other graduate nurses lived in dorms, too, but we seldom fraternized with them.

It's hard to compare the now and then of dorm life since I no longer live there (thank heavens) but my guess would be that because of our heavier and more irregular classes and clinical schedules coupled with the dorm rules we had more "togetherness" in the dorms and fewer outside school experiences than the students today.

Despite all the difference I have described, I still think "dorm life" is much the same. We laughed and joked and we cried and griped together. We developed many transient and some deep and lasting friendships, and I guess we all made a few enemies.

Dorm life, with all its minor inconveniences, was really great and a very special part of growing up. What better place to learn to live with others and to meet one's needs for sharing experiences with peers! I'm sure the students are always anxious to graduate and leave the dorm, but I'm equally sure that they all take with them some cherished memories.

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From an issue of the Quarterly Record, 1914:

"Tact is the kindly and skilled way of doing right things."

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Anesthesia was 150 years old this past October - MGH Celebrated a very special Ether Day.

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The oldest reunion class and the 10 year class

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The Head Table

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IHP Grads and Administration

The Alumnae was please to acknolwedge three very special people who have over many years given much time and effort for the Association. Those honored included:

Catherine Harrington Boyd '52 for her many years of service in many different offices on the Board and a volunteer.

Alma Robbins '35 for her many years on the Board and for 25 years as a part time secretary in the Office, a post she retired from this past year. Alma was not at Homecoming as she was recuperating at Shawnessey-Kaplan Rehabilitation Hospital.

Lee Drago the Unsung Hero of the organization who even though not a graduate of the school has been the Alumnae Secretary since 1983 and keeps the office running smoothly and efficiently. Lee also was not able to join us.

Flowers were given to each of them and a description of their dedicated service was read.

The Alumnae Association had gifts available for purchase at Homecoming. We do still have small quantities of these and if you would like to purchase any of them, please send in your order with a check to cover payment in full to the Alumnae Office (cost includes postage.)

Price List of Gift Items Available

Small canvas tote bag with outside pocket natural color with blue pocket and handles - pocket has MGH logo $20.00

Paperweight - marble base blue and gold tone MGH logo on top $20.00

Blue reusable lunch bg with handle - MGH logo $13.00

White Trivit with MGH School of Nursing Pin logo in blue $13.00

Set of 10 blank note cards with nurse with MGH cap silhouette on front $15.00

Blocks of white paper 8 1/2 X 5 1/2 top reads "From the desk of an MGH grad" with the logo - set of three $10.00
Same paper is available reading "From the desk of an IHP grad" 3 for $10.00

Brass keyring with MGH logo $13.00

Centennial Review - history of the first 100 years $15.00

The 125th Anniversary Quilt

The 125th Anniversary Quilt Committee is ready for YOUR signature. Please use the tear-off section below to send it. DO IT NOW! Deadline for mailing is December 15, 1996. This is to allow time to make the quilt in time for publicity photos by the Fall of 1997.

The quilt will be displayed and raffled at the Reunion - 125th Celebration in 1998. Now is not too late to offer to help make this quilt; you may tell us below.

To defray the costs of materials we request that everyone who can do so send a $1 donation with your signature. This is not required and all signatures that are received by mid December will appear on the quilt.

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In Memoriam

1929 Ruth Hoyt Ranger on June 26, 1996 in Skowhegan, ME.
1936 Evelyn Lyons Lawlor on October 12, 1996 in Braintree, MA.
1939 Honor Stanton Kron on September 5, 1996.
1942 Jeannette Hadley Conant on July 19, 1996.
1944 Anne Bucheri Davis on June 22, 1996.
1946 Phyllis McElroy.
1946 Carolyn Furness.
1947 Martha Keller Katz on October 12, 1996.

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Make a gift to benefit the **Ruth Sleeper Learning Center** at the Massachusetts General Hospital Institute of Health Professions and receive significant tax benefits while supporting this program. Gifts made by December 31 are deductible in 1995 and may soften the impact of higher tax rates. If appreciated property rather than cash is used to make a gift, you may also benefit from capital gains tax savings. Consider making a life income gift through a charitable gift annuity or as a gift to the High Income Fund.

Charitable Gift Annuity

A charitable gift annuity is a contract between the donor and the Institute. The donor makes a gift and the Institute agrees to pay the donor a fixed lifetime income. A charitable gift annuity provides the following financial benefits:

- stream of income for life
- fixed secure payment rate
- charitable income tax deduction
- reduced capital gains taxes
- partially tax free return

High Income Fund

The High Income Fund is like a mutual fund in that donors' gifts are pooled together to produce a high variable payment rate. It provides a donor with many financial benefits including:

- stream of income for life
- *variable* payment rate (currently 7.2%)
- charitable income tax deducation
- complete avoidance of capital gains taxes for gifts of appreciated securities

For a Gift of $10,000*	Age	Rate	Annual Income	CharitableTax Deduction
Charitable Gift Annuity	70	6 9%	$690	$4,748
	75	7 7%	$770	$4,959
	80	8 8%	$880	$5,234
	85	10%	$1,000	$5,652
High Income Fund	65	7 2%	$720	$3,569
	70	7 2%	$720	$4,303
	75	7 2%	$720	$5,092
	80	7 2%	$720	$5,933

*based on October, 1995 discount rate

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Class News

1927

The two daughters of Ethel Clow Black celebrated her ninetieth birthday with a surprise cruise on the Judge Sewall, an excursion boat on Lake Winnipesaukee. Sixty guests and members of her family enjoyed the gala event. Ethel lives at home with part time companions. Several members of her family live in the area and visit frequently. Ethel continues to enjoy her weekly bridge game and occasional dinners with family at local restaurants. Her address is 42 Sewall Road, P. O. Box 686, Wolfeboro, NH 03894-0686.

1936

Four members of the Class of 1936 attended Homecoming and were honored guests at the luncheon. Recruited by Eva Borner Hardy, they included Marguerite Vichules Bourgeois, Rita Keane Murphy and Marjorie Goldthwait Richardson. We were presented with handsome canvas tote bags bearing the hospital seal. It was a most enjoyable occasion.

The class extends its sympathy to Edith Lee McCormick, whose husband, Bob, died on June 2, 1996 after a long illness.

Evelyn Lyons Lawlor, died in her sleep in the early hours of October 12, 1996. Evvie had been ill for a long time. The class will miss her and send our sympathy to her family. The following tribute to Evvie was written by Marjorie Goldthwait Richardson:

An early note describing her as "cheerful and busy" is true, but does not go far enough to identify Evelyn Lyons Lawlor, MGH graduate and Alumnae Secretary for 26 years.

A small woman with a big heart, she organized the Alumnae Office with efficiency, establishing a filing system that served well until the computer age; was friendly, helpful to all who came her way - Board members, hospital authorities, alumnae needing help or information; volunteers; whoever and whatever came through her office door.

Until his dealth in 1979 her husband, Gus, drove her between the hospital and their home in Braintree. Commuting then became a serious problem that contributed to her decision to retire. She settled into retirement with her house, her garden and her books, but her health began to fail and her last years were spent in a nursing home.

Born in Quincy, educated in Milton and the MGH School of Nursing, she began her career as a staff nurse on Ward E. In January 1937, she became an Executive Assistant in the Admitting Office of the MGH-MEEI Out Patient Department. While there, she married Augustus Lawlor and retired in 1951 when her son was born.

Five years later she was asked to "fill in" as Alumnae Secretary, a position she held until her retirement in 1982. As a person she was warm, compassionate, and devoted to her family, her church, her home and garden and always to the Nurses' Alumnae Association. Professionally she was competent, diplomatic and efficient. She was one of those receiving a Citation at the 1973 Centennial Celebration.

1942

In a note from her husband Frank:

I am sad to report that my wife, Jeannette Hadley Conant suffered a brain hemorrhage in May and died on July 18, 1996.

Jean always believed there was no hospital better than the Massachusetts General.

1946

Rita Sidman
242 Beacon Street
Boston, MA 02116-1232

50th Reunion

What a wonderful time we had at the 50th reunion of the Class of February 1946 on September 28, 1996, Homecoming Day. We had a record number of 33 attending the morning activities, the luncheon, and the dinner. Classmates had travelled from as far as Hawaii and Washington State. Some had not returned for 50 years, yet, within minutes, the bonds reemerged. We recalled old nicknames and stories and realized that the inevitable physical changes are just superficial. Many felt that although the work had been hard, their association with classmates and with the MGH had made their lives more meaningful. The connections we made so long ago remained. We all came to realize the tremendous debt we owed Evelyn Willard Russell for keeping our mini-reunions going through the years.

The Nurses' Alumnae Association gave each member of the 50th reunion class a lovely

MGH carrying bag and awarded Anne Cousins Cook a gift as the member who travelled the greatest distance. Then, after the Homecoming luncheon, some of us went on tours or other activities in Boston and others went to the nearby home of one of our classmates for a relaxing few hours - again filled with talk - before we all gethered for a lovely dinner in a private dining room at the Copley Plaza Hotel. There, we caught up with each other some more. Caroline Cook Wilson's creative decorations and festive touches made this occasion even more special.

On Sunday morning, many of us again gathered for brunch at Rita Sidman's home on Beacon Street, overlooking the Charles River. The view, with sailboats, the Cambridge skyline, and the MGH in the distance, also brought back many memories. The food was great and we continued to catch up with one another. Even after the previous day's get-togethers, the conversation was nonstop. The old camaraderie was very much alive.

Our February section of the class was also pleased to donate $1000 to the MGH Nurses' Alumnae Association, to be divided evenly between the Sally Johnson and the Ruth Sleeper Scholarship Funds.

We missed those who were not able to attend, and hope that the address booklet we all received will make it easier to keep in touch from now on. Thanks to all who did attend for making our 50th such a great success. Now for the 60th!

The 50th Reunion Committee: Rita Dougherty Sidman, Caroline Cook Wilson, Evelyn Willard Russell

Other News given to the editor at Homecoming:

Betty Jane Cassing Evans married in 1945, 7 kids, farm life until took a refresher course in 1975. Lost hearing.

Dorothea Shattuck Jeffery - After making up for all my lost time due to Rheumatic Fever, I finally finished in 1948 and soon after married 'Jeff' an Episcopal Priest and thus began a series of moves from churches in Mass to Michigan and back to Pennsylvania. We had kept a summer place in NH and so retired here. Everywhere we lived, I continued to work and when 'Jeff' retired I went to work for the Disability Determination Service of Social Security and thus did much traveling in the state retrieving records and recruiting doctors to do exams. After 45 years of work, I retired to do all the projects that had been put aside. We have been able to do some traveling but not as much as the mind would like. Our 4 children all live nearby and have added 6 grandchildren whom we see very often.

Grace Kondrup Archinski - Retired in 1989 after working for 43 years in nursing as a med/surg supervisor, OR/ER supervisor, and Director of Nursing in both Rochester, NH and Coalinga, CA. After doing some traveling in Europe have settled down in Stockton CA to be near my daughter, Mary Lou. Find myself busy with church volunteer work, needle craft and doing projects with my teen-age granddaughter.

February 1947

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Jack and I just returned from Martha's Vineyard and Homecoming. The foliage coming down was beautiful.

Annia, Barbara Watson, Yvonne and I at Homecoming. making plans for #50 in September, 1997. Please contact us - we've started on motel reservations, transportation, etc for the meeting and Friday evening dinner. We want all plans, suggestions, and ideas from **all** of you, please.

In June, the "Cape Codders" met at Betty Andersen's again - super day. Jack and I extended to five days. I even went to a lovely shower Sunday afternoon with Betty. Ann Walsh doing well. We met her friend - Bill. Annia, Ynonne and George, Mary and Rube, Colin and Jean (Barrows). Missed Barbara Watson in her annual music engagement. Beautiful day, we had a great time and food.

Mary Wallace had surgeries in July and August - now in Cardiac Rehab - walks three miles a day. Gave everyone a bad scare. Missed Homecoming, but thankfully is on the mend.

Our sympathies to Rita Shutts Stafford's family on her death.

Annia's been traveling all over.

Tom Wilson (Esther Reade) died this summer, in Zanesville, OH. Our deepest sympathy to Esther, her sons, Bev and families. A beautiful committal and memorial service. Esther will be with us for our 50th. She's coming to our house, going up to Boston with Jack and me.

Glenna retired - we'll be expecting her at the 50th.

The 50th group this year had a large group. Let's match them or exceed them, Girls!

Waiting to hear from you. I hope everyone sent their quilt paper to Mrs. Breen.

September 1951

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Our happiest news is the upcoming marriage of our youngest daughter Claudia next May. The grandchild list is now 9 boys and 2 girls.

Don and I spent a wonderful vacation in Monterey, CA for our 33rd anniversary during the 4th of July where it all began. Last August was our 16th trip to Hawaii. The high point of the vacation was a trip to Manele Bay Resort on Lanai Island which is isolated but gorgeous.

I retired in January 1995 from the Emergency Room after 20 1/2 years. My department honored me with a surprise retirement party in March. There were cocktails, dinner, funny skits, champagne, and chocolate truffles. The gifts included a hospital plaque, a gold oscar, and one thousand dollars in cash. The only nursing I've done these last 2 years is to give flu shots (500) to seniors at my hospital.

September 1958

Ruth Gedies Russo
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Hello again,

Another year flew by and it was time for Homecoming again. I was joined by Joan Cameron Fox and Mary Ann Robert Bearbien this year. They and their families are well. No new grandchildren for any of us. I'm still working at the medical review company and Steve is still teaching - a couple of years until retirement. We have had a very busy summer - weddings, birthday celebrations, and so forth. We attended a lovely wedding and reception for Delthia (Dubbie to us) Vilasuso, who married Phillip

Sugg in July. We wish them both all the happiness they deserve in their new marriage.

Steve's annual Submarine Veterans Convention, which we attended, was held in Portland OR in August. We flew to Los Angeles and met my brother and sister-in-law. From there we drove to Portland by way of San Francisco, Sacramento (where we visited relatives), Medford, OR and finally arrived in Portland. We had a great time there. The scenery is spectacular, even with the forest fire problem.

As always, Homecoming was very enjoyable - seeing old friends, hearing an interesting speaker, and enjoying a delicious luncheon.

Now for the new information:

You probably have heard that the celebration for the 125th anniversary of the School of Nursing will be held in 1998, and that year is also our 40th anniversary. Time to start thinking about a Class Dinner or some kind of get-together. I'm assuming that those of you who read this are in the Alumnae Association or know someone who is a member. There is a questionaire in the Spring/Summer edition of the Record and the Committee is requesting that the members fill in their info and submit it to be used in the 125th celebration newsletter.

There is also a "125th anniversary Quilt" Committee. Several members of the Class of 1945 are making a quilt, that will have the signatures of the graduates of the school - in reality the signatures of those who send in the signed form. There were forms available at Homecoming and there is one in this edition of the Record. Remember to send it in by December 15, 1996.

I plan to send out a letter in the near future to get some ideas about our 40th celebration. Also please send any new addresses for classmates if available.

Please keep in touch and stay well.

1960

Sandra Seibert is the Executive Vice President for the Minnesota affiliate of the American Heart Association.

1961

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Ten from our class made it to our 35th Homecoming at Howard Johnson's Hotel in Boston.

My husband, Boyd, and I stayed with Chris Stockwell Goodman at her home in Lexington, MA. Chris worked at MGH for five years after graduation as head nurse on White 5 and White Building float. She married Rick, an engineer, in 1963 and they have two children. Todd is married and has two daughters. Chris babysits every Thursday and loves being a grandmother. Todd has his masters degree in computer science. Karen, their daughter, is a mechanical engineer at Kimberly Clark in CT. After leaving MGH, chris worked in a nursing home, a community hosptial and presently works in the surgery out patient department at the Lahey Clinic. When Chris has a little spare time, she likes to garden and quilt. She and Rick have travelled all through Europe as well as a few trips to the Carribean.

Margie Smith also stayed at Chris's house. She works in ICU at Children's Hospital in Boston, lives in Peabody and travels a lot.

Jessie Williams Parsons made it to Homecoming. She is in charge of the entire employee health program for Liberty Mutual Insurance Co. She works in Boston and lives with her husband, Jack, on a farm outside the city. They have three boys and a girl.

Marlene Norton very kindly took Chris, Margie, Jessie, Betty Matricaria Hutchinson and me on a tour of MGH. She took us up to the 17th floor of Ellison (a gorgeous new building) where she works in pedi and all over the new sections as well as a few places that looked familiar. We were all pretty amazed at the changes.

Maureen Spellman Starkweather couldn't make it to Homecoming but I heard from Chris and Margie that she lives in Chatham, MA and is a town nurse for Harwich. she got her BSN at Boston College right after graduation from MGH. Maureen and her husband, Bob, have two boys and also have travelled through Europe.

I talked to Bev Wood Gemmill before Homecoming. She is a school nurse near her home outside Dover, DE. She and her husband, Walt, have two grown boys and they

just got back from a trip to Alaska.

The others that were at our table of ten at the luncheon were Anne Marie Hanson Kirkpatrick who came all the way from FL, Maureen McGrath, Liz March Ream and Rosemary Rice Williston.

Please write to me with your news and I'll get it into the Record.

1966

We heard that Kathy Fitzgibbon's son Timmy died November 9, 1995 after a motor vehicle accident. Our sympathys go to her and her family.

Joan Ellen McLaughlin Hudson is now a practicing licensed Psychologist.

Helena T. McDonough was elected by the American College of Nurse-Midwives as the regional representative of the ACNM Board of Directors. She is a resident of Wareham, MA and is currently in private practice at Wareham Obstetrics, Midwifery and Gynecology in Wareham. She is a former Mass Chapter chair and recipient of her region's Award for Excellence. She began the first private CNM practice and set up one of the first birth rooms in Massachusetts.

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